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SUMMARY: SCIOFF DELIVERED US PROPOSALS AND AIDE- MEMOIRE
TO VOLKOV OF MINFISH MAY 17. VOLKOV SAID US PROPOSALS WOULD
REQUIRE SOVIET CAREFUL REVIEW AND THAT IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE
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TO REACH AGREEMENT OF NEW MEASURES BY END OF JUNE ICNAF MEETING. AFTER EXPRESSING THIS RESERVATION VOLKOV SAID SOVIET DELEGATION FAVORED STRONG CONSERVATION MEASURES IF THESE DID NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT SOVIET FISHING INTERESTS. END SUMMARY.

1. SCIOFF MAY DELIVERED US PROPOSALS AND COPY OF AIDE-MEMOIRE OT VOLKOV OF MINFISH AND REITERATED POINTS RAISED BY CHARGE DURING MAY 11 MEETING WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KOZYREV.

2. VOLKOV SAID HE WAS WELL AWARE OF BOTH THE INTERESTS OF THE US FISHING INDUSTRY CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL FISHING OFF NEW ENGLAND AND THE CONCOMITANT POLITICALS PRESSURES ON THE USG.

3. VOLKOV NOTED THAT SOVIET ICNAF COMMISSIONERS WOULD BE DEPARTING FOR COPENHAGEN IN A FEW DAYS AND WOULD HAVE VERY LITTLE TIME TO STUDY AND ASSESS THE DETAILED US PROPOSALS, WHICH STILL LACKED THREE PERTINENT STATISTICAL TABLES. IN VIEW OF EFFECT OF NEW PROPOSED CATCH LIMITATIONS ON THE SOVIET ECONOMY, VOLKOV EXPRESSED HIS OPINION THAT THE PROPOSALS WOULD REQUIRE CAREFUL REVIEW AT A HIGH LEVEL IN THE USSR GOVERNMENT. THIS COULD PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY FOR REACHING A SOLUTION TO THE CONSERVATION PROBLEM DURING THE JUNE ICNAF MEETING. AFTER MAKING THIS RESERVATION, VOLKOV ADDED THAT SOVIET COMMISSIONERS WOULD GIVE CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE PROPOSALS AND MIGHT POSSIBLY BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THEM TO THE EXTENT THAT SOVIET FISHING INTERESTS WERE NOT ADVERSELY AFFECTED. VOLKOV NOTED THAT DR. BOGDANOV, AS CHAIRMAN OF STACRES SHOULD BE ABLE TO ASSESS THE VALIDITY OF THE US AGREEMENTS FOR STRONGER CONSERVATION MEASURES.

4. SCIOFF STRESSED THAT CONSERVATION PROBLEM AFFECTED FISHING FLEETS OFF ALL ICNAF MEMBERS, NOT JUST US FISHING FLEET. FISHING INDUSTRIES OF ALL MEMBERS WOULD BE HARMED SERIOUSLY IF FISH STOCKS CONTINUE TO BE DEPLETED AT PRESENT RATE.

5. VOLKOV' S ONLY COMMENT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF US WITHDRAWAL FROM ICNAF IF STRONGER CONSERVATION MEASURES NOT ADOPTED WAS THAT THIS WOULD BE HIGHLY UNUSUAL AND INCONSISTENT WITH GENERAL US POLICY CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL FISHING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. AT CLOSE OF MEETING, VOLKOV EXPRESSED DEEP CONDOLENCES OF SOVIET FISHING OFFICIALS TO THE FAMILY AND ASSOCIATES OF WILLIAM TERRY. VOLKOV SAID TERRY' S DEATH WAS A LOSS TO THE USG AND ICNAF.

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